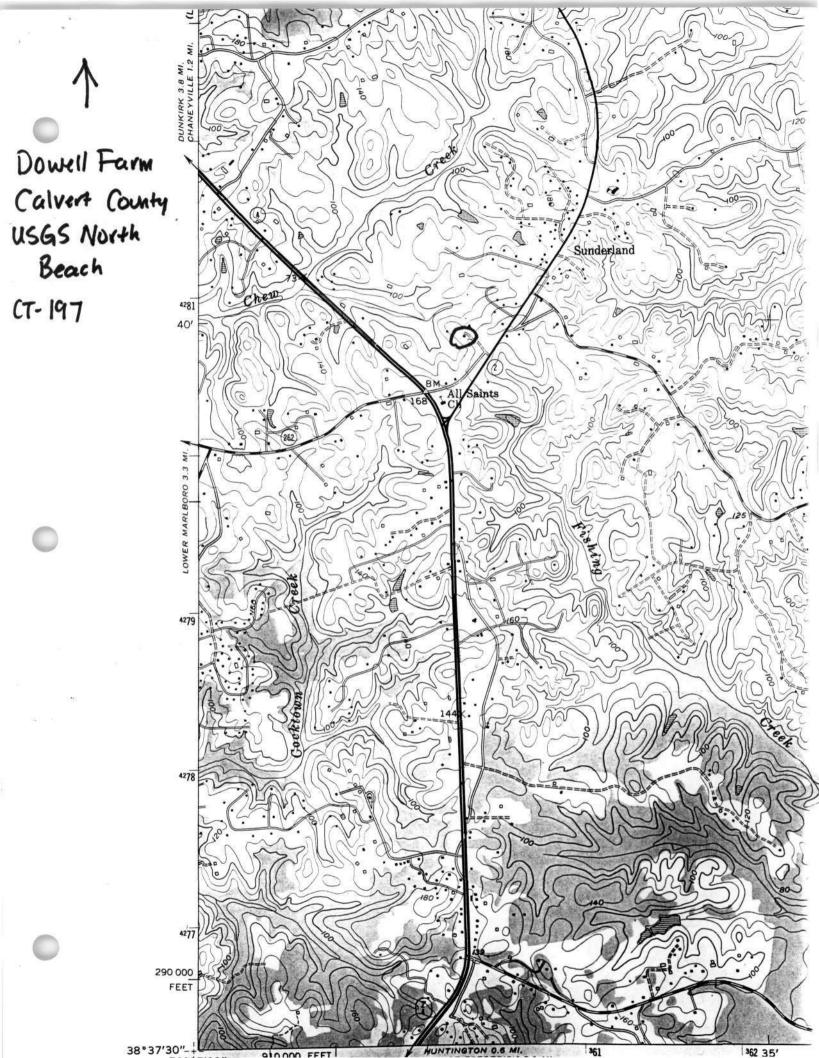
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes____ no

Property Name: Dowell Farm	Inventory Number: CT-197
Address: 6450 Solomons Island Road	City: Sunderland Zip Code: 20689
County: Calvert	USGS Topographic Map: North Beach
Owner: James L & Margaret S Dowell	Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 19 Tax Map Number:	Tax Account ID Number: 0503005267
Project: MD 2 @ MD 262 Park & Ride Lot	Agency: State Highway Administration
Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes Name:	Date:
Is the property is located within a historic district?	ves X no
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Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resourceyes	s no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes
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Criteria: X A B C D Con	siderations: A B C D E F G None
Documentation on the property/district is presented in:	
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use	e continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
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Access to the property has not been obtained.	v × n 3
The proposed boundary for the Dowell Farm is the current le	egal lot consisting of 60 acres.
Prepared by: Becky Kermes	Date Prepared: 05/17/2002
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
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Criteria: X A B C D Considerations:	A B C D E F G None ased on minimal documentation due
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Reviewer, NR Program	Date





MEHP NO. (T- 197) Dowell Farm Calvert County, Maryland Photographer - Becky Kermes MAY 2002 GAI **MAY 2002 GAI** MAY 2002 GAI Negatives @ MD SHPO View of the farm bouse taken from the MD 2/ Sunderland Park & Ride Lot looking to the mo west. (or east elevation of the house). of 23



CT-197 Dowell Farm Photographer, Becky Kermes Negatives @ MD SHPO MAY 2002 GAI MAY 2002 GAI **MAY 2002 GAI** View of the Farmhouse taken from the MD2/ Surderland Park & Ride Lot. Standing further north on MD2 and looking mor in a southwesterly direction. 2 of 3



M- 197 Dowell Farm Calvert County, MD Photographer, Becky Kermes Negatives @ MD STPO MAY 2002 GAI MAY 2002 GAI View of the southern elevation of the Dowell Farm house. Photo taken from the right of way on MD 262, looking north. 3013

CAPSULE SUMMARY
CT-197
Little Place
6450 North Solomons Island Road
Owings, Calvert County
c1830, c1900
Private

Known as Little Place by the late 19th century, the property at 6450 North Solomons Island Road was a farmstead primarily engaged in tobacco cultivation as early as the 1830s until 1992. The original dwelling and an associated tobacco barn, both dating to circa 1830, indicate that this farm was actively engaged in tobacco cultivation by the second quarter of the 19th century. The property was acquired by the Dowell family in the early 1850s. Circa 1900, the two-story addition to the house was constructed to accommodate Henry D. and Mary E. Dowell and their growing family. The Dowell family cultivated tobacco and raised cattle on the land from the late 19th century until 1992. The current 60.75-acre tract, including the main dwelling, tenant house, schoolhouse, tobacco barns, agricultural and domestic outbuildings, and cultivated fields is a rare and intact example of the rural agricultural lifestyle of Calvert County residents during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The main dwelling at Little Farm is composed of three major sections representing two separate building campaigns. The oldest section of the house is the one-and-a-half-story wood-frame rear (west) ell built as a dwelling circa 1830. It has a solid concrete-block foundation, is clad in wide lapped weatherboard, and has a side-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. At the turn of the 20th century, a two-story wood-frame addition was built onto the east elevation of the original house. This addition has a brick pier foundation, is clad in lapped weatherboard, and has a side-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. The one-story wood-frame kitchen on the north elevation dates to the first quarter of the 20th century. Also located on the Dowell property is a circa 1900 schoolhouse, a late-19th-century tenant house, three tobacco barns, and several agricultural and domestic outbuildings.

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1. Name of Pr	roperty	(indicate prefer	red name)			
historic	Little Place	(preferred)				
other	Home Place	e; Dowell Farm				
2. Location			-			8
street and number	6450 North	Solomons Island Road			no	ot for publication
city, town	Sunderland				v	ricinity
county	Calvert			Jan .		
3. Owner of P	roperty	(give names and m	ailing addresses o	of all own	ers)	
name	James Lero	y Dowell				
street and number	P.O. Box 3	5			telephone	410-257-2834
city, town	Sunderland		state	MD	zip code	20689
4. Location o	f Legal D	escription				
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7. Description

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The primary dwelling at Little Place, located at 6450 North Solomons Island Road, is composed of three major sections representing two separate building campaigns. The oldest section of the house is the one-and-a-half-story wood-frame rear (west) ell built as a dwelling circa 1830. It has a solid concrete-block foundation, is clad in wide lapped weatherboard, and has a side-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. At the turn of the 20th century, a two-story wood-frame addition was built onto the east elevation of the original house. This addition has a brick pier foundation, is clad in lapped weatherboard, and has a side-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. The one-story wood-frame kitchen on the north elevation dates to the first quarter of the 20th century. Also located on the Dowell property is a circa 1900 schoolhouse, a tenant house dating to the second quarter of the 19th century, three tobacco barns, and several agricultural and domestic outbuildings.

SETTING. Little Place is located in a rural agricultural area southwest of the small community of Sunderland, Calvert County, Maryland. The 60.75-acre parcel is on the north side of Lower Marlboro Road between Southern Maryland Boulevard (Route 4) and North Solomons Island Road (Route 2). The tract is characterized by rolling hills and cleared cultivated fields separated by areas of dense vegetation. Fields are defined by mature treelines, hedgerows, and livestock fences. The main dwelling is located on a projection of high ground and is approached by a winding gravel drive that turns off of North Solomons Island Road north of the point where it intersects with Lower Marlboro Road. Immediately southwest of this point is a commuter parking lot owned by the state. As the drive approaches the main dwelling it is lined with irregularly-spaced mature trees on both sides. The drive runs along the north elevation of the house and continues toward the tenant house to the northwest of the house where it disappears into the grass. Domestic outbuildings are clustered along the north and west elevations of the house. Scattered plantings are present along the foundations of the main dwelling.

PRIMARY RESOURCE EXTERIOR. The original section of the house, built as a dwelling circa 1830, is a one-and-a-half-story wood-frame building with a partially solid concrete-block foundation, clad in lapped weatherboard, and capped by a side-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. (1) This section, now a rear ell to the two-story portion, faces south towards Lower Marlboro Road. The south elevation features a one-story, shed-roof, screened-in front porch that appears to have been added circa 1900. The west bay of the porch is enclosed with lapped weatherboard to create a small storage room accessed from the porch, with a 6/6 wood-sash window in the south elevation. Behind the porch is a single 9/6 wood-sash window and an entry in the east bay. The entry features a wood door with eight raised panels and a four-light transom. There are two evenly-spaced front-gable dormers on the south elevation clad in flush horizontal weatherboard with a molded gable cornice. A square, interior-end brick chimney is present at the west gable end of the building.

The west elevation of the original dwelling reflects repairs and alterations over time. The first story is clad in wide lapped weatherboard and the half story has narrow lapped weatherboard. An area on the first story has been crudely patched with wide lapped weatherboard. This area appears to be where the original chimney was located. This chimney was replaced with the existing stove chimney circa 1900. Only one window is present on the west elevation. It is a 4/2 wood-sash window located in the gable on the south side. Also evident is a wood box cornice and narrow unmolded cornerboards.

The north elevation of the original dwelling is partially obscured by the kitchen addition. Two bays are still visible on the first story featuring 9/6 wood-sash windows with narrow wood surrounds and projecting sills. Hardware for shutters is still present on both windows. Part of the wide lapped weatherboard has been replaced with narrow lapped weatherboard underneath the windows and to the west of the west window. The north elevation has a raked box cornice. Family members indicate that there is interior evidence of a former dormer on the north elevation of the original dwelling which appears to have been removed with the construction of the two-story addition. (2)

The front two-story portion of the dwelling was built onto the east elevation of the original house circa 1900. It has a brick pier foundation, is clad in wide lapped weatherboard, and has a side-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. When the addition

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was constructed, the house was reoriented facing east and the original dwelling became a rear ell. Windows on the addition are primarily 2/2 wood-sash with narrow beaded wood surrounds and thick, projecting wood sills. The addition has projecting gables, overhanging eaves, and a wood box cornice that is canted on the eaves. Unmolded, narrow wood cornerboards are present. An off-center interior square brick chimney with a corbeled cap projects from the gable roof.

The new three-bay façade (east elevation) is characterized by a one-story, three-bay, half-hip-roof, full-width porch with turned wood posts accented with sawn scroll-work brackets. The porch rests on a solid concrete foundation. The central entry features a circa 1970 door with a single light. The south bay of the first story has a single 2/2 wood-sash window and the north bay features paired 2/2 wood-sash windows. All three bays on the second story have 2/2 wood-sash windows. The south elevation of the addition has a single 2/2 wood-sash window at the center of the first story and two evenly-spaced 2/2 windows on the second story. The west elevation is largely obscured by the ell. There is no fenestration present. The north elevation is partially obscured by the kitchen. Two 4/4 wood-sash windows are present on the second story.

The kitchen, built during the first quarter of the 20th century, is a one-story wood-frame building with a brick pier foundation, clad in wide lapped weatherboard, and with a side-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. Like the two-story section of the addition, the kitchen has projecting gables and overhanging eaves with a wood box cornice. It has narrow wood cornerboards. An interior-end square brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the north gable end. The façade (east elevation) features a one-story shed-roof front porch on concrete-block pier foundations. The porch is partially clad in wide lapped weatherboard and partially screened. It has a wood box cornice. The west elevation of the kitchen has a single centered 6/6 wood-sash window with a narrow wood surround and a flush sill.

PRIMARY RESOURCE INTERIOR. The original dwelling was a center-hall-plan house. On the first floor the stair hall ran from south to north and opened onto chambers on the west and east. When the addition was constructed circa 1900, the east chamber was demolished. No additional stair was constructed. As a result, the original stair hall remained the primary central passageway onto which all major rooms opened. The original stair hall remains largely intact. The floor is covered with carpet and the walls and ceilings are plaster. There is printed wallpaper on the walls. Exterior entry into the stair hall is through a door in the south wall. The door has eight raised panels framed by ovolo molding and a four-light transom. The wide molded surround has a raised backband, ovolo, and an inside bead. Interior doorways are located in the west, north, and east walls. The doorway in the west wall leads to the large chamber of the original dwelling. The doorway in the east wall leads to the dining room of the circa 1900 addition. These two doors are late-19th-century wood doors with six raised panels. The door in north wall is modern hollow plywood and leads to a small bathroom installed circa 1970. The stair is located in the northwest corner of the hall and runs along the west wall. It features a wood balustrade with square balusters, a round rail, and a narrow turned newel post. Scroll-work ornamentation is present in the stringer. A two-part molded baseboard is present in the hall.

The large chamber contained within the original dwelling has been stripped of its moldings, plaster and lath exposing the hand-hewn timber-frame construction. Insulation has been inserted between the studs. Examination from below the floor boards of the half-story reveals only a small section of original floorboards remain. There is a stove chimney on the west wall with a hole for a stove pipe. On the north and south walls are two evenly-spaced 9/6 wood-sash windows with wide molded muntins. The floor is obscured by a linoleum-type covering. Wood baseboards are present and are like those of the stair hall. The original mantelpiece, although removed from the wall, exists in the room. It features molded pilasters and a blank frieze.

The first floor of the circa 1900 addition has two major rooms and an attached kitchen. The stair hall provides access into the dining room, or north chamber, of the addition. This room has carpet on the floor and walls and ceilings of wallboard. There is a projecting stove chimney at the center of the south wall with a mid-20th-century stove heater attached. Interior doorways are located in the west, north, and south walls. There are paired 2/2 wood-sash windows in the east wall. The doorways in the south and north walls and the windows in the east wall have reeded wood surrounds. The windows also have a strip of the same molding

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serving as the sill. The doorway in the west wall has an unmolded wood surround. There is a molded wood baseboard present in the room with a molded shoe.

The living room is accessed through a four-panel door in the south wall of the dining room. This door has a cyma molding framing the panels and a brown ceramic knob and an escutcheon. This room was refinished circa 1970. There is an exterior doorway in the east wall. In the south and west walls are 2/2 wood-sash windows. The room has carpet on the floor, vertical plywood panels on the walls, and an acoustical tile ceiling. Window and door surrounds are unmolded wood.

The kitchen is located on the north elevation of the house and is accessed from the outside by the exterior doorway in the east elevation or from the dining room by the interior doorway in the south wall. A blocked doorway that originally led to the stair hall exists on the south wall. The floor of the room has a slightly lower grade than that of the rest of the house. There are 6/6 woodsash windows in the west and east walls. Door and window surrounds are unmolded wood. A projecting brick stove chimney is located in the north wall and has a cast-iron wood-burning stove attached to it. The room has linoleum on the floor, plywood panels on the ceiling, and beaded-board walls. The south wall is clad in wide lapped weatherboard suggesting that the kitchen was a later addition to the circa 1900 portion of the house.

SECONDARY RESOURCES. In the yard north and west of the dwelling are several domestic outbuildings. In the north yard immediately adjacent to the kitchen is a one-story wellhouse dating to circa 1920. The small wood-frame building rests on a wide poured concrete foundation, is clad in flush horizontal boards, and has a front-gable roof sheathed in pressed metal shingles. Also in the north yard west of the wellhouse is a one-story wood-frame meat house dating to circa 1900 and historically used for salt curing and storing meats. It has a concrete-block foundation, is clad in horizontal wood siding, and is capped by a side-gable roof sheathed in metal sheets. Across the drive from the dwelling is a one-story wood-frame tractor barn built circa 1920. The building rests on a concrete-block foundation, is clad in vertical wood boards and has a front-gable roof sheathed in metal sheets. The barn has two bays for vehicles.

In the west yard closest to the house is a one-story wood-frame chicken house built circa 1910. The building rests on a brick foundation, is clad in vertical wood boards, and has a shed roof sheathed in metal sheets. The windows are covered with wire mesh. West of the chicken house is a one-story wood-frame shed constructed circa 1910. The shed is clad in vertical wood boards and has a front-gable roof sheathed in metal sheets. (3)

Several agricultural buildings were surveyed. The non-historic wood-frame machinery shed is located northwest of the primary dwelling just beyond the gravel drive. (4) It has a concrete-block foundation, is clad in vertical wood boards, and has a side-gable roof sheathed in metal sheets. The shed has three large bays in the south elevation, and a small privy attached to the west elevation. In the field northeast of the dwelling is a large tobacco barn (CT-1094) constructed during the late 19th century. (5) It is clad in vertical, flush wood boards and has a gable roof sheathed in metal sheets. The original center portion of the barn features a combination of cut and wire nails, and circular sawn timbers. Three sheds have been added to the barn. The first of the two north sheds was added in the early 20th century. The two outer sheds, featuring concrete-block foundations and exposed rafters, appear to have been added during the mid-20th century. The barn was used both for tobacco and as a stable for cattle during the third quarter of the 20th century. Closer to the house is a one-story wood-frame corn crib built circa 1954. (6) The building has a concrete-block pier foundation, is clad in tightly-laid flush vertical wood boards and has a front-gable roof sheathed in metal sheets.

A distance northeast of the dwelling is a large tobacco barn constructed in two sections. The oldest section (CT-1092) is believed to date to circa 1830. (7) It is said to have been moved to its current in the late 19th century location by Henry Dowell (b. c1828), who subsequently built the two shed additions. This portion features hand-hewn posts and mortise-and-tenon joints with trunnels. The more recent section of the barn (CT-1093) was built circa 1950. (8)

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Northwest of the main dwelling is a wood-frame tenant house that appears to date to the late 19th century. (9) The west section of the house is one-story and the east section is two stories. The deteriorating building rests on a brick pier foundation, is clad in wide lapped weatherboard, and has a side-gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. A square interior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the east gable end of the one-story section flush against the two-story section. Another concrete-block chimney is located on the east elevation of the two-story section. Other notable elements include 6/6 wood-sash windows, two entries on the south elevation, narrow unmolded wood cornerboards, and a one-story shed-roof addition to the north elevation of the one-story section.

Southwest of the main dwelling and immediately adjacent to Lower Marlboro Road is a one-story wood-frame schoolhouse dating to circa 1900. The building rests on brick pier foundation, is clad in asphalt sheets simulating brick and capped by a gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. It features 6/6 and 2/2 horizontal-pane wood-sash windows, a wood box cornice, and an interiorend square brick chimney. Parallel to the interior-end chimney is an exterior-end concrete-block chimney.

ENDNOTES

- (1) Dowell family descendent Jimmy Dowell indicates that there is evidence of an older stone pier foundation underneath the original portion of the house.
- (2) Dowell, Jimmy. Written edits to draft MIHP form, 2003.
- (3) According to Jimmy Dowell, the shed was built from materials salvaged from a tobacco barn located on another property owned by the Dowells.
- (4) Date according to Jimmy Dowell.
- (5) "Leroy Dowell barn C," CT-1094. Unpublished document produced as part of the 1990 survey of tobacco barns in Calvert County, Maryland. Historic Property Files. Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning, Prince Frederick, MD.
- (6) Date according to Jimmy Dowell.
- (7) "Leroy Dowell barn A," CT-1092. Unpublished document produced as part of the 1990 survey of tobacco barns in Calvert County, Maryland. Historic Property Files. Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning, Prince Frederick, MD.
- (8) "Leroy Dowell barn B," CT-1093. Unpublished document produced as part of the 1990 survey of tobacco barns in Calvert County, Maryland. Historic Property Files. Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning, Prince Frederick, MD.
- (9) Dowell family descendent Jimmy Dowell stated that a freestanding kitchen was moved from its original location closer to the primary dwelling and incorporated into the tenant house.

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SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY. Known as Little Place by the late 19th century, the property at 6450 North Solomons Island Road was a farmstead primarily engaged in tobacco cultivation as early as the 1830s until 1992. The original dwelling and an associated tobacco barn, both dating to circa 1830, indicate that this farm was actively engaged in tobacco cultivation by this time. The tract appears to have been acquired by the Dowell family following the marriage of Henry and Annie L. Dowell in the early 1850s. Deeds from the late 19th century suggest that the property was part of Annie's dower. By the 1880s the Dowell family is living on the tract, and circa 1900 the original dwelling is significantly enlarged to accommodate Henry D. and Mary E. Dowell and their growing family. The two story front portion of the house is added at this time, and shortly thereafter, the one-story kitchen. Many of the barns and outbuildings, as well, date to Henry D. Dowell's occupation. The Dowell family cultivated tobacco and raised cattle on the land from the late 19th century until 1992 when the current owner, James Leroy Dowell, retired from farming. The current 60.75-acre tract, including the main dwelling, tenant house, schoolhouse, tobacco barns, agricultural and domestic outbuildings, and cultivated fields is a rare and intact example of the rural agricultural lifestyle of Calvert County residents during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

HISTORY. The first Dowell to acquire the tract known as Little Place was Henry Dowell (1828-1883) upon his marriage to Annie L. (b. 1828) in the early 1850s. (1) The property appears to have been part of Annie's dower. (2) When Dowell acquired the tract several buildings were already present, including the original dwelling, now the rear ell of the main dwelling, and at least one tobacco barn located to the north of the house. Extant architectural evidence, including the proportions, form, construction methods, windows and interior moldings suggests that this dwelling was constructed circa 1830. According to Dowell family descendents, the original house, oriented south, was originally a one-and-a-half-story center-hall plan dwelling, of which only the west chamber and stair hall remain. (3) The east chamber is said to have been demolished circa 1900 when the two-story addition was built onto the house. Such a dwelling would have been appropriate for a middling Calvert County tobacco farmer of the period. North of the dwelling is a tobacco barn (CT-1092), the oldest part of which appears to be contemporary with the original dwelling. (4) In addition to these buildings, there may have been another dwelling on the tract dating to the 18th century. (5)

Henry and Annie Dowell retained ownership of the tract from the early 1850s to Henry Dowell's death circa 1883. Census records indicate that Henry Dowell was a middling farmer of moderate means. (6) He and his wife had six children between 1854 and 1867, including two sons, Samuel (b. 1862) and Henry D. (b. 1864). Henry and Annie Dowell do not appear to have taken up residence on the site until the 1870s. (7)

Following Henry Dowell's death circa 1883, Little Place was retained by Annie L. Dowell, who subsequently leased the property to her younger son, Henry D. Dowell in 1886. Henry D. Dowell, who acquired the property outright at his mother's death, lived at Little Place and cultivated tobacco on the land for the duration of his life. He married Mary E. in 1891 and is known to have had six children between 1892 and 1907, including three sons, James Albert (or Albert J., b. 1892), John Milton (b. 1894) and Henry

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Wilson (b. 1896). Dowell's sons assisted with the tobacco cultivation. In addition, Dowell hired tenant farmers who lived in the tenant house northwest of the main dwelling. (9) Dowell also raised cattle and sheep. (10) Dowell made a number of significant improvements to the property during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. To accommodate his growing family, Dowell enlarged the existing dwelling with the two-story addition circa 1900. At this time, the house was reoriented from south to east and the original driveway, which approached the house from the south, was abandoned in favor of the current driveway. (11) Several years later, the one-story kitchen addition was built onto the north elevation of the house. Dowell moved the circa 1830 tobacco barn (CT-1092) on the property and built the shed-roof additions. (12) The large tobacco barn in the field immediately northeast of the house was also built for Dowell circa 1890. Many of the domestic and agricultural outbuildings on the property as well as the tenant house can be attributed to Henry D. Dowell.

Henry and Mary Dowell's oldest son James Albert Dowell assisted with tobacco cultivation on his parents' farm until the 1910s when he married Bertha Turner (b. 1897). Dowell moved onto his own tobacco farm, but retained close ties with Little Place, baptizing his children there. (13) James Albert and Bertha T. Dowell had six children, including James Leroy Dowell, born in 1920. James Leroy Dowell remembers spending time at Little Place as a boy and helping his grandfather on the farm. (14). His sister attended school in the one-room schoolhouse, now located on the tract. Following the deaths of of Henry D. and Mary E. Dowell, Little Place passed to their three daughters Mary Cordelia (b. 1900), Elizabeth (or Luella, b. 1905) and Gertrude (b. 1907). Following World War II (1941-1945), James Leroy Dowell, James Albert Dowell's son and Henry D. Dowell's grandson, married Margaret Stevens from nearby Paris. Shortly thereafter Dowell purchased his grandfather's farm, by then known as Home Place, from his three aunts with financial assistance from his father. (15) Dowell repaid his father by working on his farm for two years thereafter.

James Leroy Dowell raised tobacco and cattle until retiring from farming in 1992. He and his wife raised a son and two daughters in the house at 6450 North Solomons Island Road. Dowell has made few changes to the property since he acquired it in 1953 other than regular maintenance and repairs. He built an addition to the circa 1830 tobacco barn (CT-1093) in the 1950s, and the machinery shed in the 1970s. (16) Dowell also updated the living room in the circa 1900 addition in the 1970s. He continues to retain ownership of the property despite development pressure and to live in the house to the present day. The surrounding land is currently being farmed by relatives of the Dowell family.

ENDNOTES

- (1) All of the birth and death dates used in this document are derived from the United States Federal Census and are not necessarily exact. See United States Federal Census, 1870, 1880, 1910.
- (2) Annie's maiden name is unknown. See Land Records of Calvert County: Deed Book SS 7, Page 448. Dowell family descendent Jimmy Dowell believes Little Place to be a portion of a tract of land known as Lingan's Purchase acquired by Philip Dowell (b. 1681) in 1722. Jimmy Dowell indicates Lingan's Purchase, consisting on 503 acres, was surveyed for George Lingan in 1697 and that the parcel was derived from a larger tract known as Kemp's Desire which was in turn part of Coxes' Choice. According to Jimmy Dowell, Philip Dowell acquired Lingan's Purchase from George Lingan in 1722 and subsequently willed the property to his three sons, John Dowell (b. 1706), Philip Dowell (b. 1713), and Peter Dowell (b. 1715). Jimmy Dowell states that Philip Dowell's will references a house on the property "lately built by Philip Dowell."
- (3) Dowell, Jimmy. Written edits to draft MIHP form, 2003.
- (4) "Leroy Dowell barn A," CT-1092. Unpublished document produced as part of the 1990 survey of tobacco barns in Calvert County, Maryland. Historic Property Files. Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning, Prince Frederick, MD.

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- (5) A newspaper article published in 1973 takes as its subject a house located northeast of the house at 6450 North Solomons Island Road called the "Emery Jones House." The author of the article, local historian Betty Briscoe, indicates that the house appears to have been owned in the 19th century by Henry D. and Annie L. Dowell. Whether or not this is the same tract or a different tract from "Little Place" is not known at this time. However, the proximity of the two dwellings suggests that they are likely to have been on the same tract at one time. The Emery Jones House (CT-14), no longer extant, is a two-and-a-half-story gambrel-roof wood-frame dwelling that may have dated to as early as the 18th century. A photograph of the building from the third quarter of the 20th century reveals a number of late-19th-century alterations to the dwelling. For more information, see Briscoe, Betty. "Know Your County: What's My name?" Calvert Independent, Calvert County, Maryland. May 30, 1973. In the "Dowell House" vertical file of the Calvert County Historical Society, Prince Frederick, MD.
- (6) The 1870 federal census attributed \$1,500 worth of real estate and \$500 worth of personal property to Henry Dowell, a figure which places him in the category of a middling farmer. See United States Federal Census, 1870.
- (7) Census records do not show the Dowells as living in the 3rd Election District in Calvert County until 1880. In 1870 they are residing in the 2nd Election District. See United States Federal Census, 1870, 1880.
- (8) Dowell, James Leroy. On-site interview by Carrie E. Albee, January 13, 2003.
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CHAIN OF TITLE

December 2, 1953
Land Records of Calvert County
Liber AWR 38, Folio 114
Gertrude D. Hughes et al to James Leroy Dowell and Margaret S. Dowell

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60 Acres

November 19, 1886
Land Records of Calvert County
Liber SS 7, Folio 448
Trustee for the Circuit Court to Henry Dowell

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10. Geographical Data				
Acreage of surveyed property	60.75 Acres	× 0.75		
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown			
Quadrangle name	North Beach	Quadrangle scale	1:24,000	

Verbal boundary description and justification

Little Place is located at 6450 North Solomons Island Road in Sunderland, Calvert County, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 11, Parcel 19 since its construction in the early 19th century. The current deed is found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book AWR 38, Page 114.

11. Form Prepared By name/title Carrie E. Albee, Architectural Historian organization EHT Traceries, Inc. date 2/25/03 street and number 1121 5th Street, NW telephone 202-393-1199 city or town Washington state DC zip code 20001

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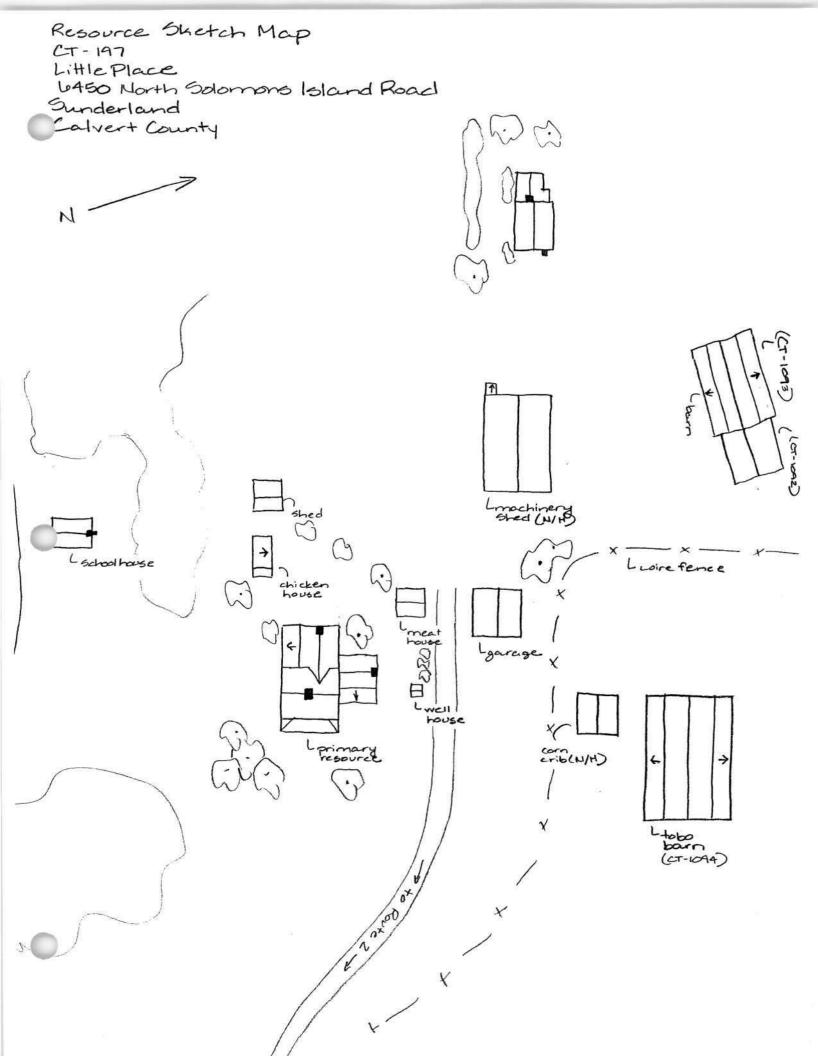
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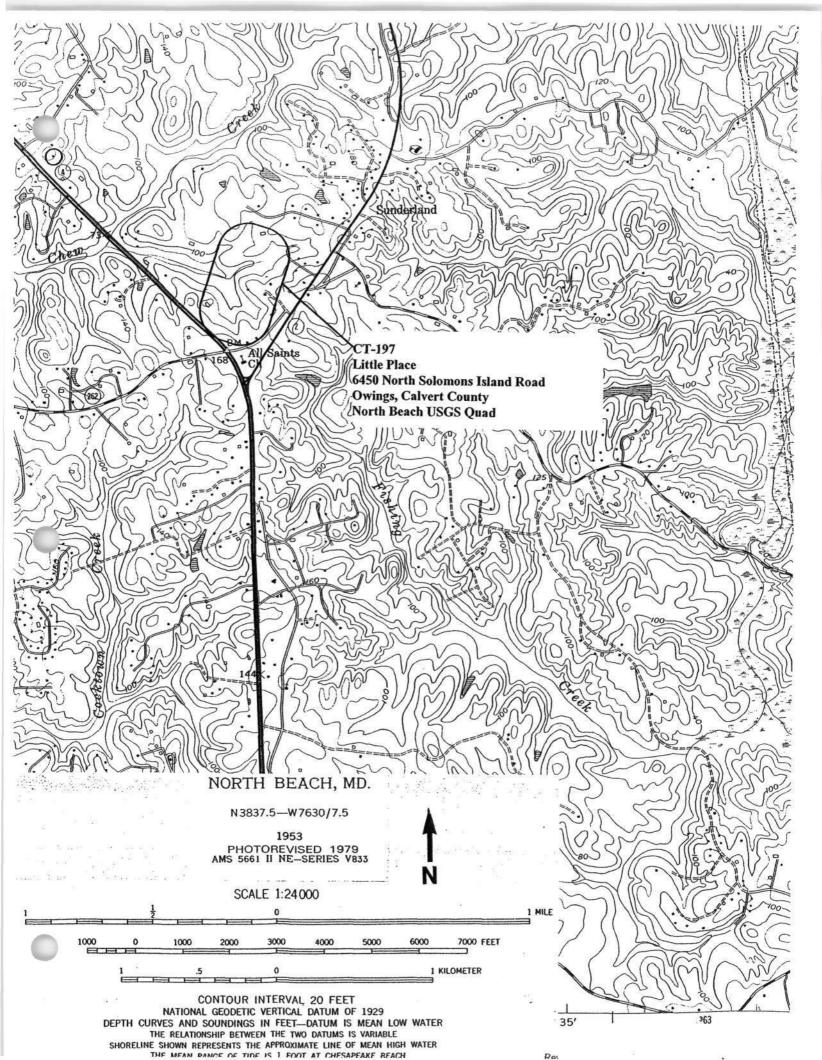
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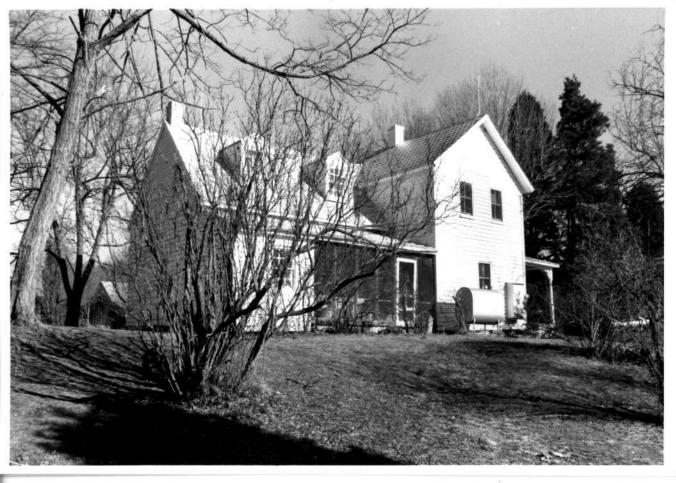


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DOWELL FARM, Solomons Island Road North (MD 2)
Sunderland early 19th century and c. 1900
Private

This farm comprises a three-part farmhouse, tenant house, pig pen, chicken house, corn house, and three tobacco barns. All but the farmhouse and tenant house appear to date from the 20th century.

The oldest structure on this property appears to be the west section of the farmhouse. This one-story, one-room building features 9/6 sash and an eight-panel door. A c. 1900 two-story frame addition was built at the east end of this cottage. A porch runs along the east side of the addition and a one-story kitchen is attached to its north end.

(Capsule)

Dowell, Route 2

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The oldest portion of this house is the rear (W) portion, and no one knows exactly when it was built. The (E) newest portion was built by Mr. Leroy Dowell's grandfather when his father was a boy. Family tradition holds that "Grandma" mixed the plaster for the builder while her husband plowed the fields.

The front or north wing is a house in itself that was built onto the south end of the old cabin. It is three bays wide, two deep, two stories high and has a gable-end roof. The house is entered by a central door, and there is a full porch on the east facade. This porch is supported by turned posts with scrollwork decoration. Also typical of the Victorian period. A one story kitchen with its own porch is attached to the north end of the "new" house. Also typical of the Victorian period are the 2/2 windows. (4/4 on the ends).

As mentioned, this portion of the house is actually an addition to the little cabin on the west side. It appears to have been one room down, one up, and is constructed of hand hewn timber joined by mortise-and-tenon with trunnels.

Realizing the possibility of alterations, there are two large sash windows in the north facade with 9/6 bubled panes. An eight panelled door and transon provide an entrance on the south side. A porch and exterior closest cover the first floor of this side. The overlap clapboards on this side were measured and they averaged 7" in width and C. 1" in thickness.

Two pedimented dormers on the south side provide light for the upper story along with a small window on the west end.

An early construction date for the west wing is further suggested by the evidence of a no longer existing exterior chimney on the west end. In addition to an obvious break in the siding one can see a replacement section in the hewn sills at this point.

There are other buildings on the farm which appear to have various dates. These would include a well house off of the northeast corner of the house which measures 2'7" wide, 2'11" deep and 7' high. It is capped by a gable-end roof with deep eaves and is of a type quite common in the area. There is a 9' x 8' pig pen, a chicken house, corn house, tenant house and three tobacco barns. Most of these buildings appear to be of 20th Century construction although the abandoned tenant house is said to be the result of an addition having been made to a cabin. One family member thinks that the oldest portion of the tenant house was once part of the main house.

One of the barns is located some distance north of the house, (on the other side of the branch and up on the hill). Unused auger holes, non-functional cut-nails etc. indicate alterations or re-use of materials. Nevertheless the barn is a two part tobacco house divided by three transverse sills. It measures 20'6" x 32', an uncommon size. It contains both hewn and sawed lumber, nails and trunnels and many of the hewn braces are replaced by circular sawn pieces.

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